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Yes, I saw them.
Just keeping all in the loop.
Thank you!

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Just an fyi...

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here ya go.

Question 60: There are serious concerns about how EPA is conducting studies related to hydraulic fracturing, including concerns about a study currently underway to "better understand any potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water and ground water." EPA has also requested \$14 million in FY 2013 for hydraulic fracturing research, more than doubling the FY 2012 request for areas the Agency has very little authority to regulate. EPA has issued press releases and findings on studies that have not been peer reviewed and needed further information and testing. EPA has also interjected themselves in areas where states - who are the rightful regulators of hydraulic fracturing - were doing studies and taking appropriate action. Finally, documents obtained by members of Congress from the interagency review of EPA's Utility MACT rule over a year ago show EPA's refusal to recognize more abundant use of natural gas reserves due to predetermined concerns with the "environmental impacts of hydraulic fracturing."

a. EPA's recent announcements with regards to the Agency's hydraulic fracturing investigations - the dismissal of the "emergency" order in Parker County, TX, EPA actions in Dimock, PA prior to findings of no concern, and EPA's non-peer reviewed conclusion in Pavillion, WY which has led the Agency to further rounds of testing with the state - have cast serious doubt on the agency's credibility and impartiality in conducting valid scientific studies of hydraulic fracturing. In all of these cases, EPA prematurely linked hydraulic fracturing to serious environmental and human health concerns where it appears the links, and in some instances the concerns themselves, were nonexistent. Given EPA's recent track record in its hydraulic fracturing investigations, how can you assure Congress and the public that, going forward, any preliminary or final conclusions as a result of the agency's studies - including the broad water study underway and the new studies to be funded by the President's latest budget request are based on transparent and thorough sound science that include state regulators and industry and not preconceived political exercises as some of the Agency's prior investigations appear to be?

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